

Groundfish Workload Priorities^{a/}

2015 ACTIVE PROJECTS^{b/}

EFH + Area Modifications ESA Salmon Consultation	17-18 Spex and New MM^{c/}	Stock Assessments^{d/} Litigation Response	Inseason Management^{d/} Whiting Spex and Set Asides^{d/}
Amendment 25: Forage Fish^{d/} Fixed Gear Cost Recovery Report^{d/}	Vessel Movement Monitoring Revise Flow Scale Regulations	EM Whiting Regulations	
Widow Rockfish QS and Divest.^{d/} Trawl Gear Regs Update I	Blackgill Slope South Allocation^{d/} Rebuilding Revision Rules^{e/}	Methodology COP^{d/} Midwater Sport Fishery	Flexible Management of Set Asides

PROJECTS POSTPONED TO 2016

Rebuilding Revision Rules^{f/} EM Regulations for Non-whiting Fishery	Nearshore Management	Limited Entry Fixed Gear Sablefish Issues	5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review ^{g/}
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UNSCHEDULED PROJECTS^{h/}

Stock Complexes (36)	Rougeye Rockfish GCAs (37)	Sablefish Conversion Factors (38)	Permit Size Endorsements (40)
Trawl Records Retention (42)	Discard Credit Lingcod & Sablefish (53)	First Receiver Site Licenses (54)	Adaptive Management Program (55)
Halibut Retention S. of Pt. Chehalis (58)	50 fm Depth Restriction (59)	Ecosystem Component Species (61) ^{i/}	Multi-Year Average Catch Policy (62)
Transfer of Rockfish from IFQ to MS (65) ^{i/}	Seabird Avoidance Devices (41)	Intersector Transfer OF'd Species. (71)	Flatfish Gear Restrictions in CA (57)
Comm. Descending Device Rates (63)	RCA adjustments for Pot Vessels (75)	Ecosystem Port Sampling Initiative	Rebuilding Revision Rules ^{f/}
60 Mile Bank Closure	Fishing in More Than One IFQ Area	White Paper and Proposal (Mr 2015 CM)	Year Round Whiting and 5% Cap Elim. (44)
Long-term Non-Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (49)	<u>EFP for Year Round Mid-water Trawl</u>	Carryover when Management Units Change (50)	Trading of Previous Year Quota Pounds (51)
		<u>Trawl Gear Regs Update II</u>	<u>EFP for Whiting Processing South of 42°</u>

a/ See Agenda Item I.5.a, Attachment 3, March 2015 for more information on workload planning.

b/ **Bolded** items are considered core MSA responsibility tasks.

c/ Includes stock complexes (36), transfer of rockfish from IFQ to MS (65), EC species (61) and the following items from I9a, Supplemental GMT Report 5, November 2015: RCA changes in Calif (20), automatic inseason action for Calif. (21), at-sea trawl buyback movement (22), canary retention in fixed gear fisheries (23), Yelloweye RCAs in Calif (24), Cowcod Cons. Area modifications and hotspots (25), flatfish retention in closed areas for Oregon recreational (26), and The Nature Conservancy EFP.

d/ Completed.

e/ Completed for 2015; update scheduled for 2016.

f/ The Council decided not to establish a policy on this but to address it on an as needed basis in the SPEX.

g/ Consideration of the following has been postponed until after the 5-Year Trawl Rationalization Review: QS/QP Control Rule - Safe Harbor for Risk Pools (33); and Resolve Long-term Whiting Surplus Carryover Provision (34).

h/ See Agenda Item J.1.a, Attachment 1, June 2014 for a complete description of each measure.

i/ Will be addressed in the 2017-2018 SPEX.

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